

POLICY DIRECTIVE

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DIRECTIVE

The following Traffic Operations Policy Directive supplements the California Department of Transportation Traffic Manual, Section 4-03.6, Individual Policies For Regulatory Signs - R2 SPEED LIMIT SIGN. The Directive is applicable on public roadways in California.

A Vehicle Speed Feedback Sign that displays to approaching drivers the speed at which they are traveling may be installed in conjunction with an R-2 Speed Limit Sign.

IMPLEMENTATION

Standard:

If a Vehicle Speed Feedback Sign displaying approach speeds is installed, the legend shall be **YOUR SPEED XX**.

Legend shall be white, yellow, yellow-green or amber color on black background.

When activated, lights shall be steady-burn conforming to the provisions of California Vehicle Code Sections 21466 and 21466.5.

Guidance:

To the degree practical, numerals for displaying approach speeds should be similar font and size as numerals on the corresponding R-2 Speed Limit Sign.

Option:

When used, the Vehicle Speed Feedback Sign may be mounted on either a separate support or on the same support as the R-2 Speed Limit Sign.

In lieu of lights, legend may be retroreflective film for flip-disk systems.

The legend YOUR SPEED may be black on white plaque located above the changeable speed display.

Support:

Driver comprehension may improve when the Vehicle Speed Feedback Sign is mounted on the same support below the R-2 Speed Limit Sign.

Vehicle Speed Feedback Signs are appropriate for use with Advisory Speed Signs and with temporary signs in work zones.

The California Department of Transportation 1996 Traffic Manual, Section 4-01.24 Lateral Clearance, applies to Vehicle Speed Feedback signs. Also, refer to Section 7-02.3 for sign supports.

BACKGROUND

In Sacramento, on June 5, 2003, the California Traffic Control Devices Committee recommended that the California Department of Transportation adopt language proposed by the Federal Highway Administration to be incorporated into the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Section 2B.11 Speed Limit Sign (R2-1).

DEFINITIONS

When used in this Traffic Operations Policy Directive, the text shall be defined as follows:

- 1) **Standard** - a statement of required, mandatory, or specifically prohibited practice. All standards text appears in **bold** type. The verb **shall** is typically used. Standards are sometimes modified by Options.
- 2) Guidance - a statement of recommended, but not mandatory, practice in typical situations, with deviations allowed if engineering judgement or engineering study indicates the deviation to be appropriate. All Guidance statements text appears in underlined type. The verb should is typically used. Guidance statements are sometimes modified by Options.
- 3) Option - a statement of practice that is a permissive condition and carries no requirement or recommendation. Options may contain allowable modifications to a Standard or Guidance. All Option statements text appears in normal type. The verb may is typically used.
- 4) Support - an informational statement that does not convey any degree of mandate, recommendation, authorization, prohibition, or enforceable condition. Support statements text appears in normal type. The verbs shall, should and may are not used in Support statements.

ATTACHMENTS

NONE
